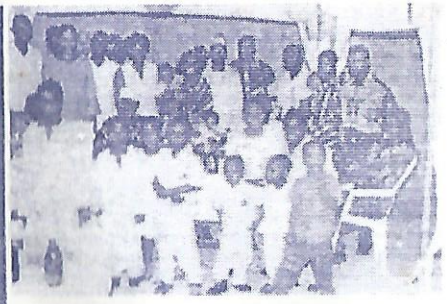


PAPA'S SAYINGS & MOTO OF LIFE

SAYING'S

I Pinch yourself first before you pinch another person so you know if it is painful.

Ii. Nha Adiro ne titi Nwane Na Nwane

iii. Use your tongue to count your teeth.

iv. Ogom Egbunam

v. Amu Aburu Uso

vi. When you live in a glass house don't throw stones.

vii. Your good deeds are written on water, your bad deeds on Brass.

viii. When I am right none remembers, when I am wrong no one forgets.

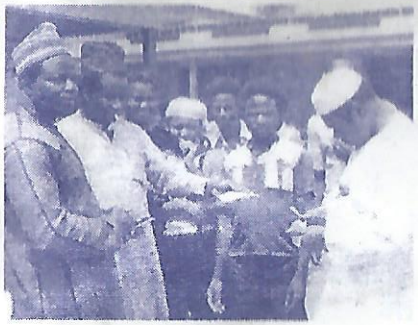
MOTO OF LIFE

i .I shall pass through this world once any good I can do or kindness I can show let me do it now for I shall not pass this way again.

ii. He who must destroy another to succeed will meet destruction at the end of his success.

F. I. MOK

The Proprietor, Chairman, Managing Director of Federation Industrial Manufacturers, An Entrepreneur, A Merchant, Federal Government General Contractor, A diligent Farmer and tireless adventurist. A man of brilliant scope of knowledge and a versatile experience. Started life in hard and laborious circumstance of Nigerian Railway Establishment, trained as a Station-staff and soon graduated into a famous, thrifty and tendy trained Ticket Collector and a perfect gentleman of the Commercial Section of the Nigerian Railways, Enugu, early in the 1950s. By 1967-68 he has become a Commercial Inspector overseeing the kafantchen Local traffic Area of the Nigerian Railways. He however became one of the skirmishes and casualties of the Nigerian Civil (biafran) War, swept away from the Civil Service and became a man on his own. As an independents man, he broke through several mountains of life, waxed strong with the vicissitudes and tribulations of life, but like a blessed creature, son of God, there was nothing he touched that was not made a success. He was a successful farmer, cultivating several acres of Farmland at Okokomaiko in the 1970s and soon became very friendly with the neighboring chieftains, like the Late Baala Fagbayi of Ishasi, the Late Humuani of Igbo-Elerin the Late Alhaji Hassan of Mebamu and the Late Lamoriyo Sanusi of the Atariobo Family of Okokomaiko, in the Ojo Local Government of Lagos State. He was a socialite, sociable and dandified, a member of Ikoyi Club, a member of the Island Club both of Ikoyi Lagos and the Country Club Ikeja. He was a philanthropist, a silent benefactor with cautious and careful hospitalities. He was his brother's keeper at clubs, a free giver and one who keeps you ever joyous and bright at social gatherings. His lavished hospitalities, Love and humilities endeared him to friends, acquaintance and well-wishers from both sexes who readily became "M O K S F R I E N D S".



Remember those parties at No. 20, Igbo Owu, those god fathering and Father Christmas at the swimming pools and hosting of foreign friends at Federal Palace, Ikoyi Clubs and Gala places. He loved and was loved and so loveable. He had the opportunities and fortunes to be in Partisan politics but he shuned partisanism : He was pragmatic, frank and focused. His watchword was Determination to succeed and he did. Partisanisms was to block his flares for open door acceptability through which his name became a household word, in government circle, in commercial houses, Private and Public Sectors of Nigerian economy etc. Hence he soon became wealthy, a Socialite of rear popularity and controller of big Business, Car and girl friends. He associated with Lawyers, Doctors and Top Brass of the Army Government. However he never scorned his base degrees, as he remained the untiring help to the needy, the saving grace to the distressed and benevolent comforter to the penitent, particularly among his people from Asaba Agbor Area of the country. He was their Godfather in Lagos as he was there for them. Many of his people rose to success on his back. He eventually settled at No. 12, Taninowo Street, where he built his sky-Scrapper Mansion. In his lifetime that address was a place a nucleus for the dignitaries in society, particularly when the house was newly built. Kings came there Princes came there and of course God abided there. He loved peace, harmony and concord, probably that was a reason for his Happy home, Happy women and Happy children.

The curfew tolls the knell of a parting day, the lowing herd winds slowly over the Leigh, and leaves the world to darkness and to you-Fidelis Ikemefuna Mok. Here rests your head upon the lap of earth, a man of fame and fortune widely acknowledged, a chief, a father a husband and a friend Adeau. I are thee well. Never you leave a friend in sorrow, for every parting may be the last. We loved you but Jesus loved you more: May you rest in perfect peace. Cherio

Chief Oladimeji Longe
Former Speaker Lagos State
House of Assembly (4th of April 2002)